

A True and Full
NARRATIVE
OF THE
Protestants Success

AGAINST THE LATE
K. James, and the French in Ireland,
CONTAINING
A Farther Account of the last Encounters and Engagements by Sea & Land.

SIR,

ACCORDING to your Desire, I have here sent you that full *Narrative* of the *Irish* Affairs, which may be of some little Satisfaction to your Self and your Friends: The Transactions of this Kingdom being (I doubt not) the present Subject of all Mens Inquiry amongst you: What has happened in *Munster*, is not considerable enough to deserve the trouble of recounting; they never having an opportunity to make any considerable Body: But the *North* has presented many a fair opportunity to the *English* and *Scotch*, to have made themselves Famous, and their Country Happy; if either Degeneracy of Spirit in the Commonalty (occasion'd by long Ease, Plenty, and Luxury) or the base Villany of some of their Commanders (who prefer'd the *French Gold* before heroick Virtue) had not render'd them unwilling, or incapable of acquitting themselves according to Honour and Duty. The *Irish* Forces, a little before the late King Landed, had advanced *Northwards*, as far as *Monaghan* without any resistadce, the *English* thinking (and discreetly enough) it would be sufficient to defend their own *Pale* from the Encroachments of the Enemy. About the beginning of *March* they began to look farther, and sent out some Detachments of Horse and Foot into the County of *Armagh*; and hearing that the Lady *Blany* was arrived at *Glasgough*, a handsome Town about 7 Miles from *Monaghan*, they resolv'd to stop her Journey *Northwards*, and accordingly send a party of Seven Hundred Horse and Foot to *Glasgough*, to secure her. The *Protestants* had together in the Town near One Hundred and Fifty, and notwithstanding the number of the Enemy, resolv'd to defend the Lady and the Town; and being bravely led on by one Mr. *Matthew Ansbill*, and Capt. *Richardson's* Eldest Son, they made a Gallant Sally upon the Enemy; who not being able to endure the first Shock, presently Disperse and Fly; a good number of Horse and Foot getting up to a small Fort, near a Mile from the Town, thought there to Intrench and Secure themselves; but Capt. *Ansbill* and *Richardson* so well pursued them, that notwithstanding the disadvantage of riding up a steep Hill, they soon made them quit their Hold, killing about Fourscore, taking as many, or more Prisoners, and chasing the rest. In this Encounter we lost only One, which was that worthy Gentleman, Capt. *Ansbill*; who, after the Rout, coming softly down the Hill, a Villain larking behind a Bush saw him, and taking aim, Shot him down with a Musket. Of the *Irish* were Slain, *John Mackenab*, their Leader, and two of his Sons, the third taken Prisoner, besides several others of note amongst them. This so daunted them, that they came not within ten Miles of the place, 'till Coll. *Sheldon* came down with word part, and the choice of their Army, which was not till 3 Weeks after. But before this Coll. *Lundy* was newly suspected to be poysoned by the *French Gold*; and several others of Note were suspected to play booty.

For now instead of Uniting the Forces, which amounted to near Ten Thousand Strong; *Lundy*, upon several frivolous Pretences, disperses them at such distance from one another, that we seldom had 150 in a Body; or another Body of the like Number, within 8 or 10 Miles; so that the Enemy, with very little Molestation, had Free Passage up as high as *Clawdy-ford*, within 15 Miles of *Derry*; and now by this time, the Country crying Shame on these strange Dealings of *Lundy*, and others, with much ado, Muster about 7 Thousand Men together, with all the seeming Vigour imaginable, to Guard that important and difficult Pass. Collonel *Sheldon* commanded the Enemies Party in Person, and traversing with his Men near the other side of the River, which was deep and strong, he suddenly, with his Horse, upon a sign (as is credibly reported) from *Lundy*, encouraging his Men, leaps boldly into the River, and *Lundy* and another Great Officer, as hastily drawing off our Men, not in the least designing (as it seems) to make any Opposition; the Enemy without one stroke, gained that important Pass, and pursuing our Foot destroy them for many Miles, and march directly to the very Gates, as it were, of *Lomonderry*. And now the Country were too late sensible of the Just Suspitions they had entertain'd of *Lundy* and Others, and accordingly, resolve to take him to Account; but he knowing what he had deserved, privately got off, and we hear since, is taken in *Scotland*.

Nevertheless, this Unfortunate Misfortune has since been repaired; for since their choice of Mr. Walker for their Governour, they have behaved themselves with that Courage and Conduct, as has signaliz'd a Resolution in them as Glorious as their Cause: Their Sallies upon the Enemy, and their Success thereupon, having sufficiently animated them to that Vigorous Resistance; that when the English Succours shall arrive, and enable them to take the Field, I hope to be able to give you that Account of their Valiant Performanc, as may with God's Providence, give new Life to the present drooping Face of the Protestant Affairs in this Kingdom.

Admiral *Herbert*, in the mean time was cruising about our Coast, to prevent Succours and Assistance from *France*, and coming near *Cork*, he lights on a *French* Caper, going with Ammunition into the Harbour, which he without Resistance seizes; and going in, the Mariners descry another lying at Anchor, and not being able to make up so high with his Ships, he Mans a couple of Long-Boats, in the dusk of the Evening, and being armed with good Firelocks, and Curt-laces; notwithstanding, she had 3 Guns on each side, they bravely Attacque, Board her, and bring her off; and we have since an Account of a desperate Engagement with the *French* Fleet, which not doubting, with all particulars, is come to your Ear, by the more Expeditious Conveyance of Expresses on that Account to *White-Hall*, I shall omit the present needless Relation of; which being all at present, till farther News Occurs, Farewel.

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